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SITUATION REPORT

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FILE NAME: Project HENDON

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Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0

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The information in this report is current to 2022-02-01 at 1230 hours.

POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold.

1. Police reporting indicates that the situation in Ottawa remains largely unchanged. **(RELIABLE)**

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OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

Information from open sources, including the media and social media, is critical for developing all-source intelligence that provides context, and which identifies indicators of ideologies, beliefs, and attitudes that motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours. This component of all-source intelligence is vital for informing law enforcement in developing strategies and tactics to prevent, mitigate or respond to potential threats.

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2. Open source research has identified a post by username “NABSTER” on the FREEDOM CANADA CONVOY 2022 that directs protestors to “Fucking ram through their blockade. What kind of weak ass protest is this? Protest by permission?” One response indicates that they can’t give up just because of police roadblocks. **(RELIABLE)**
3. Open source research has identified a social media post by [REDACTED], an Alberta-based anti-government ideologue who has opposed public health measures during the pandemic, claiming that the Prime Minister is radicalizing a “TruAnon army” which will increase the threat in Ottawa, so the police need to be aware. **(RELIABLE)**
4. Open source research has identified an image on social media that depicts three people standing on a residential street in front of a tractor-trailer. The accompanying message indicates that the picture is of the author and her neighbours who are blocking a truck from the convoy from passing along their street. She also writes that she gave the driver a “thumbs down” every time he honked his horn and that they wanted to show the truck drivers that they do not support the protest. **(RELIABLE)**
5. A male narrating a video posted to social media states that there is a standoff between the truckers and the “cops” who are preventing the truckers from going where they want. He deems the police to be Nazi tyrants who need to either join the protestors or get out of the way. **(RELIABLE)**
6. A second video shows a male who follows a group of police officers for several blocks denouncing their presence at a peaceful protest and saying that the police are moving in fast and heavy. He claims that one of the officers had a big gun that he was trying to hide. He later states to another male that the officer has a beanbag gun strapped around his neck, and that the police are trying to intimidate people. Several times, he comments about the need to get screen recording of the police. At one point, the officers enter a building, and the male states that he knows now where they are staying. It is unknown which building they entered, and it is unknown whether or not any police are staying there. **(RELIABLE)**
7. A social media image depicts a Toronto Police Service truck and trailer and is accompanied by a caption that mentions the large police presence entering Ottawa. **(RELIABLE)**

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8. In a social media video, [REDACTED] a.k.a. [REDACTED] stated that he plans to travel to Ottawa to make the final push to get our freedom back. He then states that people who support him will make a second wave in Ottawa. **(UNKNOWN)**
9. In a social media video, [REDACTED] states that he is setting up new command centre at an undisclosed location, and that once the command centre is established he can commence reconnaissance. He also claims that they moved 80 trucks away from the police in the night and blocked Kent Street. He further stated that he had a base camp at 302 Coventry St. **(UNKNOWN)**
10. Open source research has identified a press conference in which three individuals, who identified themselves as [REDACTED] were being interviewed. [REDACTED] stated that the mainstream media was not invited because of their false reporting about them. [REDACTED] also states that the number of trucks poses a logistical nightmare, which is what they intend to cause for the government. He also stated that they are prepared to stay in Ottawa for months. **(RELIABLE)**
11. Open source research has identified a video featuring [REDACTED] in which he indicates that they are having difficulty getting diesel fuel to the trucks and gas for generators. He asks for golf carts to help transport fuel and advises that people trying to deliver fuel should record the police not permitting them to get through to the trucks. He also directs his listeners to use social media against the police. **(RELIABLE)**
12. Open source research has identified a video featuring [REDACTED] (a.k.a. [REDACTED]) in which he calls for all warriors, elders and other indigenous leaders to come to Ottawa because the government stole the land that the city sits on. He states that the protest is not just about the vaccine mandates, but is about "everything". **(RELIABLE)**

Project HENDON has received information indicating that the current protest does not have broad support amongst First Nations and indigenous communities. **(RELIABLE)**

13. Open source information indicates that [REDACTED] has departed from Victoria on route to Ottawa. Her schedule as promoted on her social media, as well as an image of the vehicle that she is travelling in can be found in Appendix "A". **(RELIABLE)**

[REDACTED]'s social media indicates that she raised almost \$21,000 for her convoy. **(UNKNOWN)**

14. Open source research has identified social media messaging suggesting that a second convoy of trucks may go through Alberta on the way to Ottawa next week. **(UNKNOWN)**

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15. Media reporting indicates that convoys of tractor-trailers have been blocking both sides of a border crossing in Alberta for three days. The reporting indicates that the RCMP have deemed the protest illegal. **(RELIABLE)**
16. The GoFundMe account supporting the Freedom Convoy amounts to almost \$9.7 million (2022-02-01 1159 hours). **(RELIABLE)**
17. The “ADOPT A TRUCKER” fundraiser had raised almost \$121,000 as of 2022-01-31 at 1149 hours. The amount for today is not available. **(RELIABLE)**

ASSESSMENT

This protest remains highly fluid and potentially volatile. The noted social media messaging distorting the nature of police presence and activities at the protest increases the potential officer safety risk. The ongoing negative narrative regarding the media suggests that journalists remain vulnerable to harassment. There does not appear to be any planned schedule of events or cohesive strategic plan for the protest other than to remain in place long term. Protest organizers appear to be employing a degree of improvisation, which may afford them agility that allows them to mobilize protestors rapidly and on an ad hoc basis. Events on the ground are likely to be unpredictable.

█████'s statement about reconnaissance suggests that some organizers, protest participants, or observers may be conducting their own surveillance or counter-surveillance on police. The filming of police and identifying a building as the place they are staying tends to support this possibility.

Some protestors appear to have expected that the City of Ottawa would provide them with logistical support in the form of amenities such as portable toilets. Online statements by organizers criticizing or expressing disappointment with the city could provide justification for some protestors to engage in further acts of mischief.

The available information suggests that some Ottawa residents are beginning to take independent action against the ongoing protest. People attempting to block convoy vehicles are risking confrontation with the drivers and serious injury.

We are unable to confirm a potential second convoy that may travel to Ottawa from western Canada. We continue to monitor this issue closely. We also continue to monitor the blockade at the Canada-US border in Alberta. The strategy for managing or resolving this blockade is highly likely have repercussions in Ontario.

Project HENDON has not identified any concrete, specific, or credible threat with regard to the Freedom Convoy protest or Operation BearHug 2.0. However, the situation remains potentially volatile. The possibility that a lone actor or group of individuals could enact a threat with little or no warning cannot be excluded.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

2022-02-01

- **East Region: Freedom Convoy** – Departing Embrun (1230 hours) travelling to Casselman; St. Albert; Crysler; Finch; Chesterville; Winchester; Morewood; Russell; ending at Embrun (1510 hours).
- **North Bay: Slow Roll** – Starting at “Pinewood” (1530 hours); proceeding on HWY 11 to Algonquin Ave. and finishing at Pinewood Park and lakeshore Drive.

Appendix “A”

– Schedule (from social media)

- **2022-01-31:** Depart Victoria legislature 1030 hours; ferry to mainland 1300 hours; arrive Tsawwassen 1430 hours
 - **Proceed on Hwy 1 to Chilliwack:** stop for gas ETC 1600 hours: slow roll through Chilliwack
 - **Hope:** pass through 1700 hours
 - **Coquihalla Highway 5 to Merritt (ETA 1900 hours)**
 - **Merritt:** slow roll through Merritt
 - **Hwy #1 to Kamloops** – remain for the night
- **2022-02-01:** Depart Kamloops via Hwy 1 – arrive Monte Creek (2200 hours); Salmon Arm (2300 hours); Sicamous (2330 hours); Revelstoke (0030 hours) 0 remain overnight
- **2022-02-02:** Depart Revelstoke 0630 hours via Hwy 1 to Golden (0830 hours); Banff (1130 hours); Calgary (1300 hours)
 - **Calgary:** Rally at Stampede Park – meet and greet the public; depart 1500 to Medicine Hat (1800 hours); Regina
- **2022-02-03:** Arrive Regina (0000 hours); Brandon; Winnipeg (0630 hours); Kenora (0930 hours); via Hwy 17 to Thunder Bay (1630 hours)
- **Thunder Bay:** meet and greet public, dinner at 3131 Arthur St W, GRANDMA’S FAMILY RESTAURANT AND TRUCK STOP; slow roll through Thunder Bay 1800 hours before departing

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- **2022-02-03:** Arrive Sault Ste. Marie 0200 hours; Sudbury (0530 hours); North Bay (0700 hours)
- **Arrive Ottawa between 1100 and 1230 hours**
- **2022-03-06:** Depart Ottawa for Quebec (no further details)



Image of vehicle transporting [REDACTED] (Provided by Vancouver PD – used with permission)

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